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Game puts a dent in Moose crowd

HOCKEY The epic Olympic matchup between Canada and Russia put a dent in the Halifax Mooseheads' crowd last night at the Metro Centre.

An estimated 1,500 were in the building while a paid attendance of 4,528 was announced as the Mooseheads lost 2-1 to the Bathurst Titan in overtime, getting the single point needed to keep their faint QMJHL playoff hopes alive.

Some fans in the building, particularly in the luxury boxes, were paying more attention to the Olympics than they were to the Mooseheads, with cheers erupting with each of Canada's four first-period goals. The crowd further dwindled in overtime.

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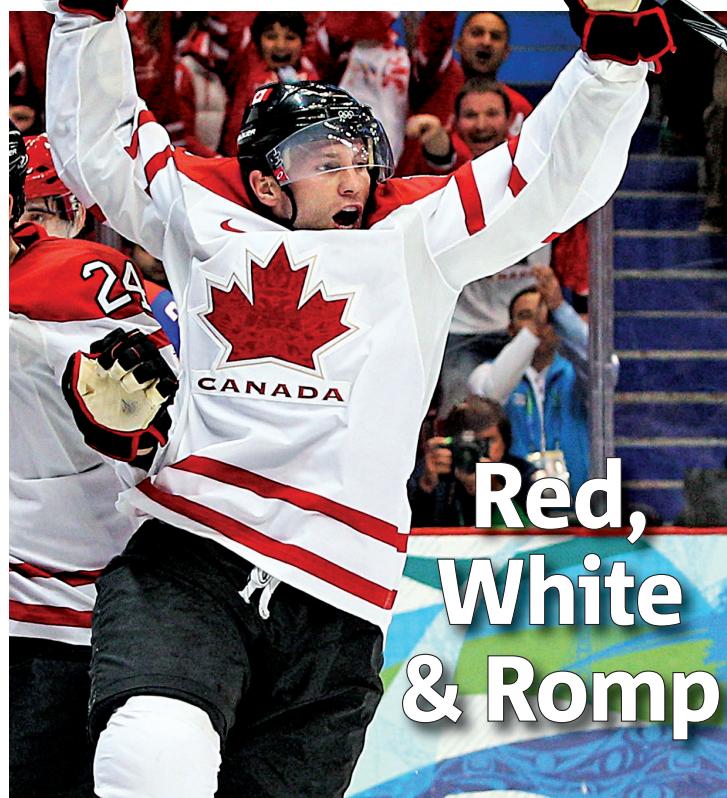
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Brenden Morrow celebrates after a Canadian first-period goal last night against Russia in Olympic men's quarter-final hockey action at Canada Hockey Place in Vancouver. Canada won 7-3 to move on to tomorrow's semifinals. **More coverage, pages 13, 14.**

Canada owns Day 13 of the Games

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All the hand-wringing and worry became a distant memory last night as a polished Team Canada devastated Russia's defence and neutralized its top scorers, summarily dispatching the hockey superpower 7-3 from the Olympic men's hockey tournament.

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end of the game, Canada's female bobsledders were dominating on a different kind of ice, racing to a gold-silver finish in the women's two-man event at the Whistler Sliding Centre.

Kaillie Humphries of Calgary and Heather Moyse of Summerside, P.E.I., claimed gold, edging teammates Helen Upper-

ton of Calgary and Shelley Ann Brown of Pickering, Ont., giving Canada its first-ever medals in women's bobsled.

Combined with a bronze for speedskater Clara Hughes in the women's 5,000 metres and a surprise silver in the women's 3,000-metre short-track relay, it made for a four-medal day — the best for Canada so far at the Vancouver Winter Olympics.

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'Glorious' apology

But not all former Africville residents in a forgiving mood

ALEX BOUTILIER
for Metro Halifax



Mayor Peter Kelly said the words former residents of Africville have no doubt been waiting 50 years to hear: "We apologize."

In front of a crowd of about 200 at the Gottingen Street YMCA yesterday, Kelly offered a formal apology on behalf of HRM and council for the destruction of the black settlement in Halifax's north end from the 1960s.

"You lost your houses, your church, all of the places where you gathered with family and friends to mark the milestones of your lives," Kelly told the crowd from a prepared statement. "For all that, we apologize."

Brenda Steed-Ross, a former resident of Africville and the founder of the Africville Genealogy Society, was moved to tears during the apology. Others in the crowd smiled through misty eyes, glad to finally hear the words.

"To see the mayor admit to this wrongdoing, it's glorious," said Bette Skinner, who was married to an Africville resident. "There's a lot of emotions going around here today."

Kelly also announced details of the deal reached between HRM and the society. The municipality will provide \$3-million to help rebuild the Seaview United Baptist Church and 2.5 acres of land for the project on the former Africville site.

"Our history cannot be rewritten but, thankfully, the future is a blank page," Kelly said from his statement. "Starting today, we hold the pen with which we can write a shared tomorrow."

More inside

- To read a transcript of Peter Kelly's full apology and the complete details of the deal between HRM and Africville Genealogy Society, turn to page 3.

But not everybody in attendance was happy. A group at the back of the room chanted "shame" when society president Irvine Carvery took the podium. Sporadic shouts for a

public inquiry and individual compensation were heard during Kelly's speech.

Some former residents have been vocal in their opposition of the deal, claiming the vote to accept it Saturday was illegitimate, and even in conflict with the law.

"I beg to differ," Carvery told reporters. "I can't comment on what people are saying ... (But) this was a meeting to bring forward the offer from HRM to the people of Africville."



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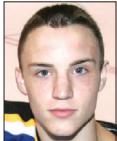
Murder sentence put on delay for ex-hockey star

ALBERTA There will be a delay before a former Dartmouth hockey star is sentenced for killing a woman in central Alberta.

Brett Jones pleaded guilty to second-degree murder in the death last winter of Teagan Klein in her Red Deer home.

A judge granted the delay so Jones can undergo a psychiatric examination.

Jones, who was living in Edmonton, killed the single mother with a garden tool.



Brett Jones

Klein's young son was found locked in the basement, suffering undisclosed injuries.

Jones, 20, is to be sentenced on April 30.

Before moving to Alberta, Jones was a scoring star with the Dartmouth Subways who was dismissed from the team for off-ice reasons. He joined the Junior A Antigonish Bulldogs, where he was also sent home for off-ice reasons.

He played with the Dartmouth Whalers Minor Hockey Association and was picked to be on the all-rookie team in the 2004-05 season of the Nova Scotia Major Midget Hockey league.

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News in brief

DRUGS Two people are facing drug charges after police conducted a search at a residence in the 400 block of Herring Cove Road on Monday. Halifax Regional Police say seized in the search were quantities of marijuana, hash and other drug paraphernalia. A 29-year-old man and 21-year-old woman, both of Halifax, are scheduled to appear in court April 13.

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Africville deal nets millions

Church reconstruction, creation of new department planned

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for Metro Halifax



While the apology to former Africville residents may have been the main focus yesterday, Mayor Peter Kelly also revealed details of the deal struck between HRM and the Africville Genealogy Society.

HRM will contribute \$3 million toward the reconstruction and operation of the Seaview United Baptist Church. The municipality will also give 2.5 acres of land at Seaview Park, the former location of Africville, for the project.

In addition, HRM will establish an African Nova Scotia Affairs function, with the intention of better serving the municipality's African-Nova Scotian community. According to HRM officials, planning and consultations as to what that function will look like begin this year.

Phase 1 of the project will include the replica of the church, as well as exhibits in the church. Phase 2 is the construction of an interpretive centre for exhibits and educational activities.

"We know that there is nothing we can do or say that will undo the past," Kelly said. "But the agreement we are announcing today begins a new chapter in the community of Africville."



Brenda Steed-Ross, right, co-founder of the Africville Genealogy Society, is overcome with emotion as she listens to Mayor Peter Kelly's apology to the former residents of Africville and their descendants at the Community YMCA on Gottingen Street yesterday.

"This is the recognition of the rightful place of Africville in the history of this province."

Premier Darrell Dexter

tribute \$1.5 million over three years to the project. "Far too many members of Nova Scotia's youth only know Africville as a park to walk a dog," said Paris, referring to the off-leash dog area at Seaview Park. "That will change."

The provincial contribution will go toward the capital costs of the interpretive centre and the rebuilding of the church.

"This is the recognition of the rightful place of Africville in the history of this province and, of course, in the history of this city," said Premier Darrell Dexter. "All Nova Scotians should be proud of being part of that."

Defense Minister Peter MacKay announced Sunday the federal government will also contribute \$250,000 to the project.

Full transcript of Africville apology read by mayor

On behalf of the Halifax Regional Municipality, I apologize to the former Africville residents and their descendants for what they have endured for almost 50 years, ever since the loss of their community that had stood on the shores of the Bedford Basin for more than 150 years.

You lost your houses, your church, all of the places where you gathered with family and friends to mark the milestones of your lives.

For all that, we apologize.

We apologize to the community elders, including those who did not live to see this day, for the pain

and loss of dignity you experienced.

We apologize to the generations who followed, for the deep wounds you have inherited and the way your lives were disrupted by the disappearance of your community.

We apologize for the heartache experienced at the loss of the Seaview United Baptist Church, the spiritual heart of the community, removed in the middle of the night. We acknowledge the tremendous importance the

church had, both for the congregation and the community as a whole.

We realize words cannot undo what has been done, but we are profoundly sorry and apologize to all the former residents and their descendants.

The repercussions of what happened in Africville linger to this day. They haunt us in the form of lost opportunities for young people who were never nurtured in the rich traditions, culture and heritage of Africville.

They play out in lingering feelings of hurt and distrust, emotions that this municipality continues to work hard with the African-Nova Scotian com-

munity to overcome.

For all the distressing consequences, we apologize.

Our history cannot be rewritten, but, thankfully, the future is a blank page, and starting today, we hold the pen with which we can write a shared tomorrow.

It is in that spirit of respect and reconciliation that we ask for your forgiveness.

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Man charged with Internet luring

CRIME A 30-year-old Halifax man was to appear in court yesterday on charges of Internet luring after police allege he made contact with an undercover officer posing as a child under the age of 16.

Halifax Regional Police say Aneel Gopalan has been charged with luring a child under the age of 18 by computer for a sexual purpose, and using a computer to communicate with a person believed to be under the age of 16 to facilitate the commission of a sexual offence. Police say the child under 16 was actually the undercover officer.

Police say members of its Internet child-exploitation unit arrested the suspect without incident in a parking lot off of Agricola Street in Halifax at 10:10 p.m.

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The Maritime Museum of the Atlantic will be hosting a March Break exhibit titled The Navy: The Adventures at Sea from March 13 to 21. The exhibit celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Canadian navy will include activities like building model ships, a museum boot camp and a ship simulator. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Mood tense at hearing over cross-burning

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Emotions ran high on both sides as two men accused of burning a cross on an interracial couple's lawn were denied bail yesterday.

Police arrested brothers Justin Rehberg, 19, and Nathan Rehberg, 20, earlier in the day. The Avondale, Hants Co., natives are second cousins of one of the victims, Michelle Lyon.

Lyon, who is white, and her fiancé, Shayne Howe, who is black, discovered a two-metre-high cross burning on their yard early Sunday.

Lyon said she didn't know the accused personally. "It's appalling to think someone from our family of that name could disgrace such a good name," she told reporters.

"For two people to think so backwards and destroy that reputation is very hurtful."

The Rehbergs are charged with mischief, uttering threats and public incitement of hatred. During a bail hearing in Kentville court yesterday the thin, short-haired brothers looked visibly distressed. In particular Nathan at times shook back and forth and

Nathan and Justin Rehberg, above, hide their faces as they are escorted from Kentville provincial court yesterday. The brothers face charges related to a cross-burning incident last Sunday in front of the home of Michelle Lyon and Shayne Howe, right.

quietly cried.

Their defence lawyer argued the hate crime charge was excessive and unjustified. Sitting in the stands, Howe couldn't contain himself and yelled out in opposition. He then left the



courtroom to cool down.

"I shouldn't have to dwell on what it means or what it

is. It speaks for itself," he said later.

"I walked out because I

Accused's estranged father at a loss

• The father of the two accused of burning a cross on a family's front lawn early Sunday morning in Newport, Hants Co., is at a loss to the charges facing them.

"I don't know what to think anymore," Granville Rehberg, a Halifax resident, told Metro last night.

"I haven't talked to my kids. I've been trying to get a hold of their mother (all day) and she's not at home," he added.

Rehberg said 20-year-old Nathan Rehberg and 19-year-old Justin Rehberg grew up with their mother and stepfather in Avondale. He said his sons visit him periodically.

Rehberg said he hadn't heard about the incident, and was first notified when con-

tacted by media yesterday. He said if found guilty of the charges facing them, he would expect his two sons to explain themselves to the black community.

"I apologize," said a distraught Rehberg, who proclaimed he wasn't a racist.

"I've got nieces that have black children. I have cousins that are black. I have a lot of friends in the community of Hants County that are black."

Rehberg said he has already received a "hate message" over the phone, with the person blaming the incident on their upbringing. "I never brought them up," he said. "I've been separated now for over 16 years from them."

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was getting frustrated and I didn't want to do something foolish."

The Rehbergs were eventually denied release on bail to their mother's house, which is about two kilometres from Howe and Lyon's home near Newport, Hants Co.

The judge ruled the proposed bail amount insufficient, but the brothers have until a court appearance Monday morning to raise more money.

Outside the courtroom,

defence lawyer Brian Vardigans said the hate crime charge is "overblown." He said he could only find three cases across Canada of such convictions and all involved organized dissemination of hate in a public place.

"It's got some of the hallmarks of being hateful and it's certainly got a racist overture," he said. "But there's a huge different between that and combining those factors into section 319 (inciting hatred)."

Accused in manslaughter case remanded to Burnside until March

COURT A 28-year-old man charged with manslaughter in the stabbing death of a Halifax man will be staying in jail until his next court appearance.

Michael Rae Ells, also of Halifax, appeared yesterday at Halifax provincial court, with the judge setting a bail hearing for March 2. He has been remanded to the Burnside jail.

Ells was charged with manslaughter Tuesday in the death of 48-year-old Robert Douglas Payne, who was found earlier that day suffering from a stab

wound inside an apartment at 6 Foxwood Terr. in Spryfield at 1:34 a.m. Payne was taken to hospital where he later died.

Police say Ells was in the apartment with the victim when officers arrived and was arrested without incident. Police said the victim suffered a stab wound to the chest. "The evidence would have supported that charge, as opposed to first-degree or second-degree murder," said police spokesman Const. Brian Palmeter, when asked why Ells is facing manslaughter.

• Michael Rae Ells has a lengthy criminal history. In the past 10 years, Ells has been convicted of robbery, possession of a weapon, careless use of a firearm and several break and enters. The victim, Robert Douglas Payne, has a handful of criminal convictions, including for robbery and assault.

"Both of these individuals knew one another and we believe it was an isolated incident. It's not associated to anything else."

Palmeter wouldn't say who called police about the incident, but did say they received a 911 call regarding an injured person at the residence where the victim was found.

Resident Elaine Crawford told Metro on Tuesday Ells lived above her on the third floor and heard a loud bump from the man's apartment, though she thought it was closer to 11 p.m. She said just before the sound she heard people running upstairs.

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Woman linked to murder case given house arrest, probation

SENTENCE A woman charged with being an accessory after the fact in connection with a murder last July in Nova Scotia has been sentenced to house arrest.

Alicia Marie Anderson previously pleaded guilty to the charge, which was laid after the murder of Neil Joseph Blades Jr. last summer. His body was found July 12 under a bridge on the Eel Lake Road in Belleville.

The court sentenced the 26-year-old woman from Yarmouth to two years less

a day house arrest followed by one year probation.

Jermaine Middleton and Ian Huskins are both charged with first-degree murder in the case.

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Probe into ship's sinking to focus on safety, rescue

CONCORDIA The agency investigating the sinking of a Nova Scotia tall ship will zero in on any safety deficiencies on board and whether the Brazilian navy was right to wait roughly 20 hours before sending out an aircraft to search for the vessel.

Chris Sawyer of the Barbados Maritime Central Ship Registry, which is leading the probe, said officials plan to take statements from the Concordia's captain, first mate and second mate tomorrow.

Sawyer said investigators want to know the condition of the three-masted barquentine before it sank, what the crew was doing, the weather and how people reacted when they realized the 57-metre ship was in trouble.

The Lunenburg-based ship, a "floating school" carrying 64 students and staff, went down in rough seas about 500 kilometres off the Brazilian coast last Wednesday. Everyone survived and no one suffered serious injuries.

The students were taking part in the Class Afloat program, run by the West Island College International of Lunenburg.

The ship's captain, William Curry, has said although the Concordia's crew had prepared the day before for what they anticipated would be rough weather, the ship suddenly keeled.

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News in brief

CAUSEWAY The Department of Transportation will spend \$590,000, a spokesperson says, to build up the armour rock protecting both sides of the Canso Causeway, which was built in 1955. Patricia Jreige said an analysis was performed a few years ago. A tender has been awarded and work is set to be completed in the summer.

CAPE BRETON POST

Casey won't run for Tory chief

Interim leader was rumoured to be strong potential candidate

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Karen Casey will not be running for the vacant leadership of the Progressive Conservative party.

Casey, named interim leader after Rodney MacDonald stepped down from the post following his defeat in last June's provincial election, released a statement yesterday saying she would not be trying to take on her current role permanently.

"As weeks and months passed ... the speculation that I could be a potential candidate increased," she said in her statement.

"However, my commitment to the Progressive Conservative Party was to provide leadership until the next leader was chosen. I am doing that."

"I will not be declaring my candidacy for the position of leader."

Casey was rumoured to be a strong candidate to run for the position. As leader she travelled around the province to each of the 52 ridings to help the party in its rebuilding process after coming out of the last provincial election with

just nine members.

Over the last few weeks, Casey has come under fire from some over her handling of the MLA expense scandal, including not speaking out despite knowing Yarmouth MLA Richard Hurlbert admitted to expensing \$8,000 on a home generator but didn't immediately disclose his \$2,500 TV purchase.

Casey is the second big

name to announce she will not be running for the position at a leadership convention set for Halifax in October.

Two weeks ago, Halifax businessman Bill Black announced he would not seek the Progressive Conservative leadership this fall because he believes it would be an eight- to 12-year commitment, which is too much for him at this point.

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Casey

Daewoo set to resurrect Trenton plant

PLANS Almost three years since it was closed, the former TrentonWorks railcar plant is on the verge of being resurrected by South Korean manufacturing giant Daewoo.

The company plans to build components for wind turbines at the sprawling seven-hectare factory in Trenton. Anna Sawinska, business development manager for Daewoo Shipbuilding and Marine Engineering Co. Ltd., confirmed in an interview with The Canadian Press.

Sawinska said talks were continuing with federal and provincial government officials but a final deal has not yet been signed.

Asked if the company plans to build turbine components at the plant, Sawinska replied: "There is a plan like that. We are still in conversation with the government, however, we are preparing something very soon."

She added that plans are being made to release details in Nova Scotia on March 5 once an agreement is reached.

Sawinska said Daewoo was aware of the impact a potential deal would have in Pictou County.

Three sources with knowledge of the announcement said it could ultimately mean hundreds of jobs at the former railcar plant, which was closed by Oregon-based Greenbrier Inc. in April 2007.

One source said the plant could manufacture rotor blades and support stands for wind turbines.

Wayne Fraser, director for the United Steelworkers of America locals in Atlantic Canada and Ontario, said it is accurate to say the number of jobs created at the plant will be in the hundreds, but he wouldn't discuss specifics.

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Program targets jobs for those on assistance

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EMPLOYMENT Nova Scotia government and co-operatives across the province announced a work program to potentially get hundreds of people off of social assistance yesterday.

Dubbed Target 100, the employment plan is designed to recruit and train people currently unemployed and get them working in co-ops over the next two to three years. The province will contribute \$150,000 towards training and other supports.

Dianne Kelderman, CEO of the Nova Scotia Co-operative Council, said local co-ops will have hundreds of vacant positions to fill in the coming years so it makes sense to partner with the department of community services.

After the first 100 people have found jobs, Premier Darrell Dexter said he looks forward to moving on to Target 200 and



Premier Darrell Dexter speaks to reporters at the Mountain Equipment Co-op yesterday following the launch of the Target 100 employment program, a partnership between the provincial government and the Nova Scotia Co-operative Council.

beyond.

"This is just a fabulous opportunity ... to meet the needs of people who need essentially a hand up," he said.

"This is going to give

them an opportunity to not just get a job but to get a career, to get skills, and have a family-supporting job."

Positions range from

customer services to management and skilled trades. Salaries will start at \$10.50 to \$15.50 per hour. Jobs will also come with medical and dental benefits, pensions and company shares.

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Tweet, tweet — Twitter will bring you budget updates

The Finance Department is turning to Twitter to deliver its message in bite-sized chunks of 140 characters or less. The department plans to begin tweeting when Finance Minister Jim Flaherty rises in the House of Commons to deliver his latest budget on March 4. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Canada

Man held in plane scare

SECURITY Police detained a passenger on a Toronto-bound flight after a reported security breach at Montreal's airport yesterday.

Montreal police said the man in his 40s was taken into custody and was being questioned by detectives.

He was pulled off a WestJet flight before its departure to Toronto from Trudeau airport in Montreal.

One fellow passenger told LCN TV network everyone was removed from the plane, and dogs were called in to sniff their carry-on luggage.

He said authorities hinted at a security-related incident — but said little else.

"They didn't tell me much," the man said.

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News in brief

RISQUE The fate of two Manitoba high school teachers who performed a sexually suggestive dance at a student rally is now in the hands of the Winnipeg School Division. One trustee says he thinks the teachers should be fired.

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Tory MP Maxime Bernier says the climate debate has been stifled for years by political correctness.

Bernier turns up the heat

"We can now see that it's possible to be a 'skeptic,' or in any case to keep an open mind."

Maxime Bernier

colours as a climate change skeptic.

In a letter to Montreal's La Presse newspaper, Bernier argued there is no scientific consensus on the matter and he applauded the Harper government for

taking a go-slow approach.

"The debate over climate change, stifled for years by political correctness, has finally broken out in the media," he wrote.

He added: "We can now see that it's possible to be a 'skeptic,' or in any case to keep an open mind, on just about all the main aspects of warming theory."

A spokesperson for the prime minister said Bernier is entitled to his own opinion, but it's not shared by the government.

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Yes, you can be as Canadian as maple syrup

EH? Do you know what to do if a Canada goose attacks? No? Then you may not be a real Canadian.

But fear not.

Canada Place, a waterfront convention centre that is home to the main press centre for the duration of the Olympics, has produced a Guide To Becoming An Authentic

Canadian for visitors to the Vancouver Games.

The first step is to know your Canadian icons.

The beaver, maple leaf, Canada goose and moose make the list, along with Mounties, loonies and toonies, bears and the toque.

Step Two is to eat and drink like a Canadian —

which, says the guide, involves maple syrup, beer ("We like. We like it a lot.") and lobster.

Throw in some poutine, Canadian bacon, salmon and a donut.

The third step is to talk the talk — with good manners?

"Canadians are polite and apologetic," says the

booklet. "Don't be surprised if someone apologizes to you even if you were the one at fault."

The booklet advises foreign visitors that the proper letter of the alphabet is zed, not zee, and provides the words to the national anthem, O Canada, in both English and French.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Sneaky snakes snagged

The saga of two missing snakes has had a happy ending at Calgary Zoo. The two large Malagasy Giant Hognose snakes were found just below the drain where they made their escape a day earlier, slithering into an opening left uncovered by a keeper who was draining a pool. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

You're in the Mounties' view-finders

Get out of the car with your hands up. You're on candid camera.

Liberals senators recommended this week that individual Mounties be equipped with miniature, uniform-mounted video cameras to enhance "transparency" in the problem-plagued force.

But at least 20 police departments and detachments across Canada are already using the devices.

The RCMP says officers in detachments in Kelowna, B.C., and Moncton, N.B. (Codiac region) have been fitted with the uniform-mounted cameras as part of a pilot project that is also testing Taser-mounted cameras, made by Arizona-based Taser International.

The six-month pilot project was launched in January using VIDMICs, the trademarked name of a body-worn video and audio-recording device, said RCMP spokesperson Sgt. Greg Cox.

Magdy Rafla of MD Charlton Co. Ltd., the Canadian sales representative for the VIDMIC, says the device has also been

Candid cameras

- The VIDMIC system is made by Utah-based EHS, a company that specializes in ear-worn police communication devices.
- Slightly larger than a shoulder microphone, the video/audio devices may be worn at the V of a shirt collar under the chin, on a pencil pocket, or on the shoulder of body armour.
- The small device can record three to four hours of video.

bought by several other Canadian municipal forces and military police, and by private security agencies.

Rafla said the device, which costs \$850, has been used by nightclub "bouncers" and "they love it."

In all, Rafla estimates about 225 devices are in use, and if the RCMP testing approves them for wider distribution to its members, the RCMP has told the company it would acquire them for all Mounties — in what would be a huge contract for the Victoria-based company.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Election ruling appealed

POLITICS Elections Canada is appealing a court ruling that rejected its claim of illegal spending by the Conservative party during the 2006 federal election campaign.

Federal Court Judge Luc

Martineau last month dismissed the watchdog's allegation that 67 Tory candidates illegally claimed advertising costs that should have been reported as national campaign expenses.

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If a Canada goose attacks, a true Canadian can handle it — or so the experts say.

A Rhode Island school district has voted to fire all the teachers at an underperforming school. The Providence Journal reports that the Central Falls School Committee voted Tuesday evening to fire every educator at Central Falls High School at the end of the school year. Only about half its students graduate. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

World



Dog fetches award for war service

A perky British Labrador whose bomb-sniffing exploits helped save lives in Afghanistan was decorated for canine courage in a ceremony at London's Imperial War Museum yesterday. Eight-year-old Treo, left, joins a menagerie of heroic animals honoured over the years with a special award known as the Dickin medal, including 32 pigeons, three horses and a cat.

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Teacher hailed as a hero

Educator tackled gunman in Colorado school parking lot

A gunman walked through a middle school parking lot taking shots at students with a hunting rifle, wounding two students, as terrified teenagers ran for their lives, before a teacher tackled him.

Littleton, Colo., police said they aren't immediately sure about what motivated 32-year-old Bruce Strong Eagle Eastwood to allegedly target Deer Creek Middle School just after classes had ended Tuesday. Eastwood has an arrest record in Colorado dating back to 1996 for menacing, assault, domestic violence and driv-

ing under the influence, and he is believed to have a history of mental issues. The sheriff's office says Eastwood is a former student of the school. The gunman seemed ready to unleash more violence when a math teacher named David Benke sprung into action.

Benke confronted the gunman, tackled him and pinned him to the ground with the help of another teacher, stopping what could have been a much more violent encounter in a city all too familiar with tragic school shootings.

"Unfortunately he got

Littleton

• The shooting occurred in Littleton, Colo., the same city where the Columbine High School massacre happened nearly 11 years ago.

another round off before I could grab him," Benke said. "He figured out that he wasn't going to be able to get another round chambered before I got to him so he dropped the gun, and then we were kind of struggling around trying to get him subdued."

The two students survived Tuesday's shooting

and one remained hospitalized.

Meanwhile, Benke has become a national hero. A Facebook page called "Dr. David Benke Is A Hero!!!" quickly grew to more than 14,000 members by yesterday morning, and his actions were discussed on the floor of the state Senate.

Benke, a six-foot-five former college basketball player who oversees the school's track team, was monitoring the parking lot in the afternoon when he heard what he thought was a firecracker and began walking toward the noise.

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Whale that killed trainer was also involved in B.C. death

FLORIDA A killer whale attacked and killed a trainer in front of a horrified audience at an Orlando SeaWorld show yesterday, with witnesses saying the animal involved in two previous deaths dragged her under and thrashed her around violently. Veteran trainer Dawn Brancheau, 40, was one of the park's most experienced. It wasn't clear if she drowned or died from the thrashing.

SeaWorld spokesman Fred Jacobs confirmed the whale was Tilikum, one of three orcas blamed for killing a trainer who lost her balance and fell in the pool with them in 1991 at Sealand of the Pacific in Victoria, B.C. The trainer who died in Victoria was 20-year-old Keltie Byrne. Tilikum was moved to SeaWorld in 1992, and Sealand subsequently closed down.

Tilikum was also involved in a 1999 death, when the body of a man who had sneaked by Orlando SeaWorld security was found draped over him.

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News in brief

MILAN An Italian court convicted three Google executives of privacy violations yesterday because they did not act quickly enough to remove an online video that showed sadistic teen bullies pummeling and mocking an autistic boy. In the first such criminal trial of its kind, Judge Oscar Magi sentenced the three in absentia to a six-month suspended sentence and absolved them of defamation charges. A fourth

defendant, charged only with defamation, was acquitted. **BERLIN** Germany's top Protestant cleric resigned yesterday after she was allegedly caught driving drunk, an incident she said had undermined her authority. Margot Kaessmann, who was elected last October as the first woman to head Germany's Lutheran church, said she was quitting both that post and as bishop of Hannover immediately. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Greece Protest turns violent



Police clash with protesters in Athens yesterday after violence broke out after a large protest against government austerity measures intended to fix the country's debt crisis.

Man acquitted in 1998 bombing

NORTHERN IRELAND The only man ever convicted of involvement in a 1998 car-bomb slaughter in Omagh was acquitted yesterday in a retrial judgment that angered the survivors of Northern Ireland's deadliest blast.

The three judges of Ireland's anti-terrorist Special Criminal Court ruled that police had failed to collect sufficient evidence against Colm Murphy, 57 — and had fatally undermined their case by illegally rewriting their records of Murphy's alleged admissions under interrogation. Nobody has been successfully prosecuted for the Aug. 15, 1998, attack by the Real IRA splinter group in the heart of the town of Omagh, which killed 29 people.

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Hamas leader's son: I spied for Israel

MIDDLE EAST Claims by the son of a Hamas founder yesterday that he was a long-term spy for Israel exposed a new side of the Islamic militant group's vulnerability and punched a hole in its meticulously groomed image of secrecy and discipline.

The spy affair comes at a time when Hamas is still reeling from suspicions that Hamas informants helped Israel assassinate a top Hamas operative in a Dubai hotel. The back-to-back

scandals were sure to leave Hamas leaders fearful of their own and ever more painfully aware of how capable Israel is of reaching the inner circles of their organization.

At the centre of the latest affair is 32-year-old Mosab Yousef, a son of Sheik Hassan Yousef, a Hamas founder serving a six-year term in an Israeli prison.

Hamas, which overran the Gaza Strip in 2007, dismissed the younger Yousef's claims as a lie and

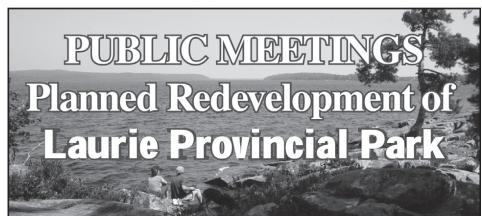
said they were part of an Israeli attempt to weaken the movement. However, the man's father did not rule out that his son was an informer, contending he was blackmailed by Israeli agents as a teen.

The Israeli Haaretz daily reported yesterday that Mosab Yousef provided intelligence to Israel's Shin Bet security service for more than a decade, preventing dozens of Hamas attacks against Israelis, including suicide bombings,

saving hundreds of lives. The paper said he also helped put several senior Palestinian operatives behind bars. The younger Yousef, who moved to California in 2007, declined an interview request.

His memoir, *Son of Hamas*, is being published in the United States next week. The author wrote on his Facebook page that his memoir "will blow your minds away, it is going to be like a tsunami in the Middle East."

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The Department of Natural Resources and Friends of Laurie Park will be presenting two proposed concepts for the redevelopment of Laurie Provincial Park. Those in attendance will have the opportunity to vote for one of these two proposals.

You have two opportunities to participate:

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Plan to attend one of these sessions to review the conceptual plans and vote for your choice of the proposals.

The proposals will be available for online viewing at www.gov.ns.ca/natr beginning Wednesday, February 24, 2010.

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China's banks told to boost lending to private businesses

Regulators have ordered China's banks to step up lending to private businesses while restricting credit to local government projects, a state newspaper said yesterday. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Business

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Toyota president and CEO Akio Toyoda, left, and Yoshimi Inaba, right, president and chief executive officer, Toyota Motor North America, are sworn in on Capitol Hill in Washington, yesterday, prior to testifying before the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee hearing on Toyota.

Toyota boss sorry for safety problems

Toyoda testifies at U.S. Congress meeting

Toyota CEO Akio Toyoda apologized yesterday to the U.S. Congress — and millions of American Toyota owners — for safety lapses that led to deaths and widespread recalls for accelerator and braking failures. But he disputed claims by some safety experts that the cars' electronic throttles might be at fault.

"I'm deeply sorry for any accident that Toyota drivers have experienced," said the grandson of the founder of the world's largest automaker.

Amid a phalanx of cameras, Toyoda, dressed in a dark suit, stood before the House Oversight and Gov-

Recalls

- Toyota has recalled 8.5 million vehicles worldwide, including 270,000 in Canada, mostly to fix problems with floor mats trapping gas pedals or with pedals getting stuck.

ernment Reform Committee, raised his right hand and promised to tell the truth.

House committee chairman Edolphus Towns welcomed him and thanked him for volunteering to testify.

"We're very impressed with that. It shows your commitment to safety as

well," Towns said.

Toyoda pledged his company would change the way it handles consumer complaints, including seeking greater input from drivers and outside safety experts when considering recalls. Toyota managers will also drive cars under investigation to experience potential problems first hand, he said.

Toyoda told the panel he was "absolutely confident" there was no problem with the electronics of Toyota vehicles and repeated the company's stance that sudden accelerations were caused by either a sticking gas pedal or a misplaced floor mat. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Business in brief

LENDING Federal Reserve chairman Ben Bernanke told Congress yesterday that record-low interest rates are still needed to ensure that the U.S. economic recovery will last and to help cushion the sting of high unemployment. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

INTERNET Nortel Networks has abandoned plans for a competitive auction of its voice-over-Internet business unit and will work to complete a sale to Genband Inc., which is expected to offer jobs to about 2,000 of the unit's employees.

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January surge leaves less supply in housing market

REAL ESTATE Canada's housing market is in tight supply after a surge in activity during January, a traditionally slow month for the industry, says real-estate giant Re/Max.

The sales organization said yesterday that in most of the 16 major markets tracked by the organization there was an unusually strong amount of activity, motivated by a series of external factors.

The uptick was felt in 87.5 per cent of the markets surveyed, while the average home price appreciated 81 per cent, it found in a survey.

Home buyers have entered the market amid expectations of higher interest rates and tighter lend-

ing, as well as the introduction of Harmonized Sales Tax in British Columbia and Ontario, Re/Max said.

"Affordability is the catalyst for the vast majority of purchasers in today's housing market," said Elton Ash, the executive vice-president of Re/Max in Western Canada.

"While home ownership is still within reach in many major centres, levels are slipping. There is a growing sense, on both sides of the fence, that the time to act is now."

Toronto is being affected the most, with a 41 per cent decline in active home listings. Ottawa is down about 30 per cent, the survey said.

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How to meet women

Men, don't be lumped in with sleazebags with these tips

Relating

Sofi Papamarko

et me tell you a story about how not to pick up women.

I was recently approached in the middle of a mall in the middle of the day. Romeo invaded my personal space, dropped alternately flattering and suggestive comments and generally made me feel uncomfortable.

Before slinking away, he gave me his phone number. (It has since been circular filed.)

Without a doubt, this was the work of a pick-up artist.

Pick-up artists are a subculture of men who liken dating to a sporting event.

The objective? Score as many touchdowns as humanly possible.

While I take issue with many of these real-life Leisure Suit Larrys, I do have to give them a little credit. There is one thing these men are doing right.

They are talking to women.

But how can decent, relationship-seeking dudes meet women without being lumped in with methodical sleazebags?

Here are some pointers from me and my babe friends:

- Talk to women in bars, cafes, restaurants, book stores and at social events. Try not to corner us on the street, on public transit

(where there is no easy means of escape) or when we're clearly busy

- Say Hi. If we respond curtly and our body language makes it obvious that we would prefer to be alone, leave

- Referring to women as "fine females" won't earn you any brownie points, lady-killer

- Neither will hitting on the friend of a woman who just rejected your advances

- Ask open and thoughtful questions. "How are you doing this evening?" will absolutely fail.

"Nice button. I like that band, too. Have you ever seen them live?" is a

conversation starter

- Sexual innuendo within the first few minutes of meeting = ick
- Manners are sexy (eyes up here, gents!)
- Don't ask for our number right off the bat — this is something you earn
- We like sincere compliments
- We like it when you listen
- Do not touch us (unless we touch you first)
- Flirting with a stranger you find attractive and intriguing is cool. Pouncing, serial-style, on a multitude of ladies? Not so super cool.

There you have it, fellas. Free advice! And all the money you've just saved on how-to books and classes can be spent on buying dinner for a smart and pretty girl.

Sofi Papamarko is a 20-something writer based in Toronto. Her heroes include Desmond Morris and Nancy Sinatra.

Views

Many women have been left behind

SpeakingOut

Wendy Cukier

We've come a long way — maybe.

Reports released in the last week suggest women's economic progress in Canada has stalled. The high-profile successes of some prominent, predominantly white, professional women may have obscured the broader trends. While some of us have moved forward, many have been left behind.

A report to the UN on the Status of Canadian Women in Canada documents "systemic erosion" of women's position in re-

cent years. In 2006, Canada was 14th among 115 countries in the World Forum's gender gap index, but by 2009 we had slipped to 25th. Citing Stats Canada, the report notes that the wage gap between men and women steadily declined for three decades and then stagnated in 2000. Women employed full time earned 75 per cent of what men earned in 1980, rising to 79 per cent in 1990 and 85 per cent in 2000 and stuck there in spite of a steady increase in the proportion of women graduating from university.

While these trends are troubling, the gaps for visible minority, aboriginal and disabled women are simply appalling. In addition, more than one-third of Canadian single mothers live below the poverty

line at the same time that the advancement of women is being touted as a centrepiece in our international development strategies.

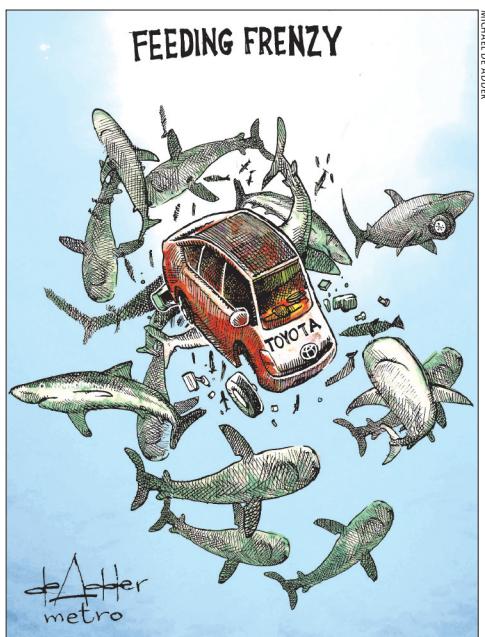
Another study by the Canadian Association of University Teachers (CAUT) shows that while the proportion of female faculty and senior administrators has increased, women earn 82 per cent of their male counterparts, a difference not explained by differences in education or experience.

In many circles, feminism, the forbidden "F" word, is considered passé. The closing of 75 per cent of our Status of Women offices across the country occurred not with a bang but a whimper. Many professional women are satisfied enough with their progress not to make waves and

many young women do not see the problems, at least not until they get into the workplace (if my daughter's experience is any indication).

I began my career decades ago surrounded by less qualified men earning more than me in offices decorated with scantily clad women and seeped in sexist banter. Certainly I would agree that we have come a long way — the scantily clad women and sexist banter are mostly gone. But while the wage gap has diminished it has not disappeared and if the patterns outlined in these reports persist, the progress we have made may be in jeopardy.

Wendy Cukier is the associate dean of the Ted Rogers School of Management at Ryerson University, and the founder of Ryerson's Diversity Institute.



Worth mentioning

Agencies agree to collect more precise climate data

World weather agencies have agreed to collect more precise temperature data to improve climate change science, officials said yesterday, as UN Secretary-General

Ban Ki-moon urged environment ministers to reject efforts by skeptics to derail a global climate deal.

Britain's Met Office proposed that climate scientists around the world undertake the "grand challenge" of measuring land surface temperatures as often as several times a day, and allow independent scrutiny of the data — a move that would go some way toward answering demands by skeptics for access to the raw figures used to predict climate change.

"This effort will ensure that the datasets are completely robust and that all methods are transparent," the Met Office said. The agency added that "any

such analysis does not undermine the existing independent datasets that all reflect a warming trend."

The proposal was approved in principle by some 150 delegates meeting under the auspices of the World Meteorological Organization this week in Antalya, Turkey.

It comes after emails stolen from a British university and several mistakes made in a 2007 report issued by the UN-affiliated Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change prompted public debate over the reliability of climate change predictions.

Ban Ki-moon urged environment ministers meeting in Bali, Indonesia, yesterday to reject attempts by skeptics to undermine efforts to forge a climate change deal, saying global warming poses "a clear and present danger."

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Haywood pots 31 points in Huskies win

Joey Haywood dropped a game-high 31 points as the Saint Mary's Huskies edged the Acadia Axemen 89-87 in Atlantic University Sport men's basketball play last night in Wolfville. The Huskies improved to 13-5, third in the AUS. **METRO HALIFAX**

Sports

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**Dal players earn honours**

Sander Ratsep, left, Max Burt, Devon Parkinson and Erik Montgomery of the Dalhousie Tigers men's volleyball team earned first-team Atlantic University Sport all-star selections yesterday. Dal is vying for its 24th straight AUS title on the weekend.

METRO HALIFAX

Herd lose in OT, but stay alive in race

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Mathieu Corbeil helped the Halifax Mooseheads get the point they needed to keep their playoff hopes alive.

Although nothing short of a miracle will get them to the post-season, the 18-year-old goaltender's 40-save, first-star effort last night helped the Mooseheads prevent elimination in a 2-1 overtime setback to the Bathurst Titan before a sparse crowd announced as 4,528 at the Metro Centre.

Corbeil, who faced a whopping 25 shots, made some spectacular stops en route to matching his season-high save total but was beaten on a rebound by Titan captain Eric Faile with 54.5 seconds left in the extra frame.

"They had a lot of shots, a lot of dangerous ones," Corbeil said after his 45th start of the season. "You always try to keep your team in there as much as you can and hope they score, but unfortunately it wasn't



Bathurst Titan forward Eric Faile, right, comes around the Halifax Mooseheads' goal with Paul Dimitruk in hot pursuit during the first period of last night's QMJHL game at the Metro Centre. The Mooseheads lost 2-1 in overtime.

the case."

Mooseheads captain Tomas Knotec scored his eighth goal in nine games at 15:47 of the first but the Titan sent it to overtime on another Faile goal at 7:22 of the third. Corbeil

called it a "slow, soft game" without "much emotion."

The Mooseheads, who had 27 shots of their own on second star Guillaume Nadeau, had a golden opportunity to win it in the

third period on a 51-second two-man power-play but were unable to capitalize after a 30-second timeout.

"We would have liked to get two points, but we get a point and we're satisfied

with it," said Mooseheads right-winger Linden Bahm, a 20-year-old.

"Hopefully, we can keep getting more points so we can keep that playoff drive alive."

The last-place Moose-

Colley named to all-star team

BASKETBALL Justine Colley of the Saint Mary's Huskies was honoured for an outstanding freshman season yesterday.

The East Preston native earned a first-team spot on Atlantic University Sport's women's basketball all-star team and a selection on the all-rookie team. She averaged 20.9 points per game, finishing third in the country.

Halifax's Alise Brown of the Acadia Axewomen also cracked the first team, while April Scott and Laurie Girdwood of the Dalhousie Tigers received second-team nods.

Colley's teammate, Robbi Dailey, was also an all-rookie pick. **METRO HALIFAX**

Sports in brief

AUS Cole Harbour's Suzanne Fenerty of the St. Francis Xavier X-Women was named yesterday the most sportsmanlike player in Atlantic University Sport women's hockey.

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Brown is 'just a winner': Levingston

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Newly acquired Taliek Brown will be among the first off the bench for the Rainmen in Friday's game against Puerto Rico.

PBL The Halifax Rainmen are hoping Taliek Brown's winning pedigree will push them closer to a championship.

The Rainmen officially signed the former Connecticut Huskies point guard yesterday, adding a talented playmaker who started for an NCAA championship team in 2004.

Brown, now 27, ran the floor for UConn stars such as Ben Gordon and Emeka Okafor, finishing fourth in the NCAA in assists in 2003-04 with 6.7 helpers per game and averaging 7.8 points during his solid four-year college career.

"He's just a winner," said Rainmen owner Andre Levingston. "The kid is amazing to watch. Within the first half hour, he knew all our sets. You showed it to him once, he got it."

The six-foot-one native of Queens, N.Y., has spent the past five years bounc-

ing around various professional leagues in Venezuela, Mexico, Bulgaria, Croatia and Macedonia.

Gary Ervin, who registered the franchise's first triple-double last week, will remain the team's starting point guard, Levingston said. Brown will be

among the first off the bench. The Rainmen host the Puerto Rico Capitanes on Friday at 7 p.m. The Capitanes, 11-1, are first in

the Premier Basketball League, a game and a half ahead of the Rainmen, 9-2. It's a big game that could decide who finishes first overall and Levingston said Brown is expected to get plenty of floor time.

"He just really raised the energy level in the building since he arrived," Levingston said. "The last two days of practice has been unbelievable and the kid is just smart."

Saint Mary's falls 2-1 to Acadia in series opener

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SEMITINALS The Saint Mary's Huskies are down a game in the Atlantic University Sport men's hockey semifinals.

The Huskies fell 2-1 to the host Acadia Axemen last night in Wolfville, despite finishing with a 36-26 edge in shots in a tight opener of the best-of-five series.

Spencer Jezegou scored on a power play in the second period and Andrew Clark buried another with about six minutes to go in the third to put the Axemen up 2-0. Despite a late goal from reigning national player of the year Marc Rancourt with three minutes left, the Huskies couldn't net the equalizer.

Saint Mary's rookie goaltender Neil Conway made 24 saves.

"We played well enough to win," said Huskies head

coach Trevor Stienburg. "Our goaltending was outstanding. We got some big saves. The bottom line is, the (second goal) was a relief for them because they hadn't had a lot of chances ... We just couldn't find a way to score a couple of times."

The Huskies play the Axemen in Wolfville on Friday night at 7 p.m. before returning home for Game 3 on Monday at 7 p.m. and Game 4, if necessary, on Wednesday on 7 p.m.

"That's our goal, to get this next game and kind of neutralize the home-ice situation," Stienburg said.

The St. Francis Xavier X-Men visit the New Brunswick Varsity Reds tonight to open the other semifinal.

Memorial Cup

- The Cape Breton Screaming Eagles are holding a press conference today to "outline their intentions" regarding their potential bid for the 2012 Memorial Cup. The Halifax Mooseheads announced earlier this month they would be making an "aggressive pitch" to host the event, while the Saint John Sea Dogs and Shawinigan Cataractes are the other teams in the mix.

heads are 13-42-6 with 32 points, 13 behind the Lewiston Maineiacs, who hold down the final playoff spot.

Halifax needs to win each of its final seven games while Lewiston only needs a point to eliminate the Herd.

The Mooseheads play their final home game of the season on Sunday at 4 p.m. against the Moncton Wildcats.

They'll hand out their annual team awards afterward.



Neil Conway

The Nashville Predators have signed goaltender Pekka Rinne to a two-year, US\$6.8-million contract extension. The 27-year-old Rinne has a 20-12-4 record in his second full NHL season. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Jays' Vernon Wells accepts role as leader

Vernon Wells says he's finally prepared to assume the mantle of leadership for the youth-laden Toronto Blue Jays.

"I remember being here and Carlos (Delgado) and those guys being here, and I was a young guy trying to make the ballclub," said Wells, "and now it's completely changed."

The 12-year veteran already had completed his third season as the Blue Jays full-time centre-fielder in 2004 when Delgado, a first baseman and the position players unquestioned clubhouse leader, departed via free agency after a dozen years with Toronto.

"I was ready (to lead) then," Wells said yesterday, his first day in training camp. "It's that feeling that 'This is my team' wasn't there. I felt it was partly my team, with (pitcher) Roy Halladay the other part."

Halladay was traded in December to Philadelphia.

When the 31-year-old Wells, the longest tenured player on the team, looks around the clubhouse and sees a lot of young players, he feels he's ready to lead.

"It's a fun role to be in," he said. "Guys look at you to do the right things and how to be successful at this level. It's a role I'm looking

forward to. For me, it's pretty easy. You expect guys to go out and play hard. That's my point to everybody.

There's one thing you can control in this game and that's going out and playing the game the right way and respecting the

game. Things will work out after that."

Manager Cito Gaston said Wells and second baseman/designated hitter Aaron Hill, starting his sixth season, "are probably going to be two guys who step up and do it."

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Vernon Wells



Raptors blazed by Portland

NBA Brandon Roy scored 20 points for Portland as the Trail Blazers topped the Toronto Raptors 101-87 last night.

Andre Miller added 18 and Rudy Fernandez had 17 for the Trail Blazers, who had five players score in double figures.

Hedo Turkoglu led Toronto with 24 points, while Jarrett Jack added 18. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Sports in brief

MLB Major League Baseball is hoping to test minor leaguers for human growth hormone this year. A blood test for HGH has been in existence since the 2004 Athens Olympics, but baseball officials have said until now that its validity was not universally accepted by the scientific community.

SOCCER Esteban Cambiasso scored the winning goal yesterday to give Inter Milan a 2-1 victory over Chelsea in the round-of-16 match in the Champions League.

SOCCER Ryan Shawcross and Tuncay Sanli scored extra-time goals as Stoke beat Manchester City 3-1 in an FA Cup fifth-round replay yesterday to reach the quarter-finals. City is lying in fifth place in the league standings and has 15 points to make up on leader Chelsea.

NHL The Dallas Stars have waived goaltender Alex Auld, a strong indication that Marty Turco won't be moved before next week's trading deadline. The move disclosed yesterday leaves the Stars with two goalies: Turco, in the last season of his contract, and Kari Lehtonen.

PATRIOTS Mosi Tatupu, a fan favourite who played 13 seasons for the New England Patriots, has died. He was 54. Tatupu was chosen by the Patriots in the eighth round of the 1978 draft out of Southern California. He stayed with the team until 1990.

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how long I can play. ... I want to play as long as I can, as long as I'm having fun, as long as I can be productive," Jeter said.

"This organization prides itself on winning and putting a competitive team on the field. As long as I can help out, that's as long as I want to play."

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'This is where I want to be': Jeter



Yankees shortstop Derek Jeter smiles as he addresses a tent full of media before the full squad worked out during spring training at Steinbrenner Field in Tampa, Fla., yesterday.

He said this will be the final time he speaks about his contract status.

Jeter hit .334 with 18 homers and 66 RBIs in 2009, leading New York to its first World Series championship in nine years.

The Yankees have won five titles during his career. "To be honest with you, I never put limitations on

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Slovakia forward recovering from concussion

Slovakia forward Lubos Bartek is recovering from a concussion after being levelled by a scary shoulder hit from Norway defenceman Ole Kristian Tollefson during a 4-3 victory in the men's Olympic hockey tournament Tuesday night. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



Vancouver Games

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Canada's Ryan Getzlaf celebrates with Dan Boyle after scoring a goal against Russia last night at Canada Hockey Place in Vancouver. Canada beat Russia 7-3 to advance to the semifinals.

Canadians rock Russian squad

Team Canada sent Russia packing from the Olympic men's hockey tournament yesterday with a stunning 7-3 victory that showed the home team is back in high gear and firing on all cylinders.

Next up comes the winner of a Sweden-Slovakia quarter-final, which was played late last night. The semifinal goes Friday.

This was the kind of Canadian hockey that fans had been yearning for since executive director Steve Yzerman named his team in December — a physical, relentless attack combined with speed and skill.

After a slow start to the tournament, Yzerman calmly reassured the nation it was coming. His team delivered on the promise by dispatching Germany and Russia on back-to-back days by a combined score of 15-5.

The win over Russia was especially satisfying for another jam-packed house at Canada Hockey Place. There were quite a few Russian flags among the throng of red-and-white Canadian jerseys, but many of them

Americans win

• Zach Parise scored twice in the third period as the top-seeded U.S. men's hockey team advanced to the Olympic semifinals with a tight 2-0 victory over Switzerland yesterday.

were packed up and put away by the time the third period started.

At that point, Canada had already chased Russian goaltender Evgeni Nabokov and built a 7-3 lead in one of the most lopsided games the teams have played in recent memory.

"We wanted to play with an edge, and we wanted to grind their (defence)," said Canadian forward Corey Perry. "Play physical, that's how we're built. Play a skating game, and you don't back down."

Canada was rampant from the get-go. There was a more physical element to the team's game, and Ryan Getzlaf opened the scoring at 2:21, nearly getting knocked over by an exuberant Dan Boyle who did all

the work on the play.

"We were not surprised about how they were going to start," Alex Ovechkin said of the Canadians. "I think we were not ready for the first five minutes of the game.

"When we woke up it was too late. It was 3-0."

An interesting subplot heading into the game was the matchup between Sidney Crosby and Ovechkin, but it never materialized. Neither player managed to find the score-sheet and Ovechkin's presence on the ice was virtually non-existent — as it has been off the ice during a tournament where he actively avoided doing media interviews.

Instead, some of the lesser stars took the spotlight.

Perry scored twice for Canada while Getzlaf, Boyle, Rick Nash, Brenden Morrow and Shea Weber added singles. Dmitri Kalinin, Maxim Afinogenov and Sergei Gonchar replied for the overmatched Russians.

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Hughes goes out on a high note

LONG-TRACK Clara Hughes capped her remarkable career with an Olympic bronze medal.

The 37-year-old long-track speed-skater from Glen Sutton, Que., was third in the women's 5,000 metres at the Vancouver Olympics yesterday, an event she won four years ago in Turin.

She finished in six minutes 55.73 seconds. The time stood as a track record before it was broken twice, first by silver medallist Stephanie Beckert of Germany and then by gold medallist Martina Sablikova of the Czech Republic.

Sablikova won in 6:50.91, followed by Beckert in 6:51.39.

The medal is the sixth of Hughes's career, putting her in a tie with Winnipeg's Cindy Klassen as Canada's most decorated Olympian.

Hughes, who carried the Canadian flag into B.C. Place at the opening ceremonies, said she came into the Games thinking physical and mental excel-

lence rather than medals or owning the podium.

"I did that in the last race of my life on ice and it was so enjoyable," Hughes told CTV.

"I'm just really proud of the process I went through to bring me to this place." Klassen finished 12th in 7:22.09 at the Richmond Olympic Oval while Ottawa's Kristina Groves was sixth in 7:04.57.

"The beginning felt pretty good, pretty easy and I thought 'Hmmm, maybe I can hold this for a while,'" said Klassen. "But my legs got to me at the end there."

She's not sure if it was her last Olympic race. Having struggled with knee problems, Klassen has lost a lot of the power that propelled her to the podium five times in Turin.

"I don't know, I've got to think about it once the season is over," she said. "We'll see."

Klassen said Hughes has been a great teacher.

"She's always calm and ready to compete," she said. "It will be strange not to have her around."

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Canadian women win gold, silver in bobsled

HISTORY Canadians have finished 1-2 in the Olympic women's bobsled.

Canada had never won an Olympic medal in women's bobsled. Now it has two.

Kaillie Humphries of Calgary and Heather Moyse of Summerside, P.E.I., drove Canada 1 to the gold in the final run, edging teammates Helen Upperton of

Calgary and Shelley-Ann Brown of Pickering, Ont., in the Canada 2 sled.

Humphries' winning time was three minutes 32.28 seconds over the four runs. Upperton's time was 3:33.13.

The USA 2 sled, with Erin Pac and Elana Mayes aboard, won bronze in 3:33.40.

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Vancouver Games in brief

SPEEDSKATING The Canadian women's short-track team finished third in the 3,000-metre relay, but was quickly upgraded to silver when the winning South Koreans were disqualified for a rules violation. Tania Vicent of

Laval, Que., Kalyna Roberge of St-Etienne-de-Lauzon, Que., Jessica Gregg of Edmonton and Marianne St-Gelais of St-Felicien, Que., finished in a time of four minutes 9.137 seconds.

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What to watch today

TV Highlights

1 p.m.: Women's curling

Canada vs. Switzerland, and China vs. Sweden (CTV, Sportsnet).

3 p.m.: Women's hockey

Bronze medal game Finland vs. Sweden (TSN).

3 p.m. Cross-country skiing

Women's 4x5km relay classic/free gold medal (OLN).

5 p.m. Nordic combined

Individual large hill/10km cross country (Sportsnet).

6 p.m. Men's curling

Semifinals: Norway vs. Switzerland, and Canada vs. Sweden (TSN, Sportsnet).

7 p.m. Women's hockey

Gold medal game Canada vs. U.S. (CTV).

9 p.m. Figure skating

Women's free gold medal (TSN).

10 p.m. Freestyle skiing

Men's aerials gold medal (Sportsnet, OLN).

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MedalCount

NATION	1	2	3	TOTAL
U.S.	7	9	12	28
Germany	7	10	7	24
Norway	6	6	6	18
Canada	7	6	2	15
Russia	3	4	6	13
South Korea	5	4	1	10
Austria	4	3	3	10
France	2	3	5	10
Switzerland	6	0	2	8
Sweden	4	2	2	8
China	4	1	1	6
Netherlands	3	1	2	6
Czech Republic	2	0	3	5
Poland	0	3	1	4
Italy	0	1	3	4
Slovakia	1	1	1	3
Japan	0	1	2	3
Australia	1	1	0	2
Latvia	0	2	0	2
Belarus	0	1	1	2
Croatia	0	1	1	2

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Vancouver Games



Canada's Alexandre Bilodeau bites his gold medal during a medal ceremony at the 2010 Vancouver Games on Feb. 15.

Battle-hardened women ready

After much preparation, Canada looks to topple U.S. and capture gold

Ryan Hilderman and most of his Calgary Royals midget club will be watching Canada and the U.S. play for Olympic women's hockey gold today.

"I'll be glued to the TV," the Royals head coach said yesterday from Calgary.

That boys between the ages of 15 and 18 would be interested in women's hockey is at the centre of this game because they've played a major role in preparing the Canadian women to battle the Americans for gold.

Being prepared is one thing, execution is another.

But the Canadian women are a battle-hardened team.

In their 55-game schedule since August, 30 of them were against Alberta Midget Hockey League teams, who provided a level of competition comparable to the American women.

"All the games we've played has brought us to a position where we're down a goal, up a goal, we know how to play," captain Hayley Wickenheiser said.

The women went 20-10 in that league, where games against Canada counted for points in their standings.

The U.S. women played some informal games against Minnesota high school boys teams, but were unable to get in as many games against males



Canada's Hayley Wickenheiser handles the puck against Finland's Michelle Karvinen, right, and Jenni Hiirikoski during the women's semifinal game on Monday.

as Canada did.

In terms of preparation, the Canadian women have nothing eating at their confidence heading into today's final at Canada Hockey Place.

"You look back at everything we've done and we

know we're ready for this game," defenceman Becky Kellar said.

"There's nothing I think we haven't done that we needed to do. We're ready. We're ready for this moment."

The Americans feel they

are, too.

They have the confidence that comes from beating Canada in the last two games that really mattered in their sport, the finals of the 2008 and 2009 world championships.

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Martin's British nemesis bows out

CURLING Canadian curling fans can rest easy — Kevin Martin's old nemesis is out of the Vancouver Olympics.

Reigning world champion Murdoch of Britain lost a tiebreaker for the final playoff spot at the Games to Sweden's Niklas Edin 7-6 yesterday. With the win, Edin moves on to face Martin in the Olympic semifinal.

Heading into the Vancouver Games, Murdoch was viewed by many as the major obstacle between Martin and the Olympic gold medal.

Murdoch beat Martin four straight times heading into Vancouver, including the world championship final last year, but he struggled for much of the Olympics.

Murdoch's rink was just 5-4 through the round robin and couldn't clinch a playoff berth outright by

"They (Canada) are the best team here, but we have nothing to lose, they pretty much have everything to lose."

Sweden skip Niklas Edin

beating Norway on the final day of competition.

Yesterday, Murdoch fell behind Edin 5-2 after just four ends.

To the surprise of the Britain-heavy crowd, Murdoch missed a routine takeout in the third end and his stone sailed right through the rings. A frame that appeared headed for a blank suddenly turned, and Edin was able to score two.

The 24-year-old Edin is the reigning European champion. He was

thumped by Martin 7-3 in the round robin and knows he'll again be in tough against the Canadian rink.

"They (Canada) are the best team here, but we have nothing to lose, they have pretty much everything to lose," Edin said.

"We know it's going to be really tough to beat them, but we've come so far. We're just going to focus a lot on making all our shots and making them make some hard ones."

When asked if he was surprised Britain failed to make the semifinal stage in Vancouver, Edin said definitely.

"They're normally a really strong team and they still are," he said. "But it hasn't been their week."

Norway and Switzerland will meet in the other men's Olympic curling semifinal, which is also scheduled for today.

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Bernard to resume action today

CURLING Canada's Cheryl Bernard, who steamrolled the competition on her way to an 8-1 round-robin record at the Vancouver Games, will return to the ice today for a semifinal date with two-time Olympic silver medallist Mirjam Ott of Switzerland.

Just two measly wins away from an Olympic gold medal and a permanent place in Canadian Winter Games lore, members of Bernard's rink from Alberta said they're trying to take things in stride.

Coach Dennis Balderston feels confident in his team's game heading into the playoffs, despite the fact Bernard has been battling a cold.

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Outerwear rules, bold prints make a strong statement and plus size-models re-surface

KENYA HUNT
Metro World News**Unique**

The crazy cool show for Topshop's experimental line was part Where the Wild Things Are with models wearing fuzzy eyebrows, deer antlers and furry animal ears, and part uniform dressing with army green looks and shearling aviator-style jackets. The best part about the collection was the outerwear: a shearling, hooded, navy coat, for example, felt timelessly eccentric.

Mark Fast

So much for all the hoopla about plus-size models. As of now, Mark Fast seems to be the only designer who is using them in any meaningful way, rather than just relegating curvy girls to trend-of-the-month status.

The Canadian once

again cast fleshier bodies alongside thin ones in his show. The body types were diverse in an organic way. And the clothes?

His trademark body-hugging cobwebby knits were there. But this time he also incorporated draping inspired by the Art Deco period and shapes that moved away from the body. While Fast deserves many cool points for making samples in a vari-

ety of sizes, he should have spent some time thinking about the undergarment problem. The visible panty lines on some models were distracting.

Matthew Williamson

Change is good. Fashion's favorite nomad is evolving out of the luxe boho globetrotter look that he's become so famous for (because one can only churn out so many interpretations of a flowy, ethnic inspired dress). This collection was all civilized tweeds, ruffles and prim

trouser suits. He didn't abandon his formula completely, though. The bright, jewel-toned color palette and fun, festive party dresses at the

end of the show were all quintessential Williamson.

Mary Katrantzou

The designer has earned a cult-following for her trademark use of bold digital prints on figure-flattering dresses. But like many designers who create a strong, singular look, she was in danger of becoming a one-trick pony. She evolved her dresses to include more asymmetrical silhouettes, transparency, tiered ruffles and shiny embellishments.



Left: Canadian designer Mark Fast once again cast fleshier bodies alongside thin ones in his recent London Fashion Week show.

Right: Mary Katrantzou took her bold prints to new dimensions with asymmetrical silhouettes, tiered ruffles and shiny embellishments.

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Bowties for both

Neckties return reinvented and more playful than ever

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Move over skinny ties — bow ties are competing for collars with a vengeance.

Once reserved for the eccentric and debonair types, dullish professors and politicians, and the pocket-protector crowd, the nostalgic necktie has changed pace, landing on runways, in celebrity closets and under the chins of hipsters and trendsetters.

Bow ties have claimed their spot in mainstream fashion as the must-have accessory for casual cool. Pair it with jeans, an Oxford shirt and confidence, and you have instant chic.

"From fast retail like H&M and Zara and every designer collection that just walked in Milan, men are back to bow ties and they are being a lot more playful with them," said Toronto designer Christopher Sherman.

man. "I think bow ties define this new fearlessness that is happening in men."

Sherman, whose custom bow tie label was picked up for Holt Renfrew's Pop-Up shop, said the surge is evident in the growth of his online store, christopherhershermanbowties.com.

A bow tie is an instant exclamation point for men unafraid to make a fashion statement.

"There's been a lot of stereotypes with a bow tie and I think one of the ones is that nerds wear them, but you look at what we're doing fashion-wise ... if you look at what a hipster is, the Queen West hipster, it's an evolution of that nerd aesthetic," said Sherman, who is also a producer at Fashion Television. "I spent a lot of time watching those hipsters for inspiration."

Most commonly made of silk, cotton or polyester, bow ties are emerging in such unexpected fabrics as wool, twill, madras, matte,

seersucker and jacquard, in higher class but now ... bright colors and edgy patterns.

"I think that if a man is to buy one bow tie in his life then its classic silk or satin black," Sherman, 26, said.

"But I think right now trend-wise we are looking at things that are embellished, studded — dog-studs, pyramid studs — deep in detail.

Bow ties used to be for formal attire or the

Canadian menswear designer Philip Sparks used silk bowties as part of his fall 2009 collection.

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there is no limit. I think the thing with bowties to remember ... there are never any rules."

Women are also adorning their necks with the fashionable fabric, seen on several runways — Lanvin received applause for showing large bow ties anchoring black cocktail dresses — on actor

Diane Kruger and singer Rihanna, and in accessories such as bow tie shaped necklaces, belts and earrings.

"If you look at women's clothing, the boyfriend jeans are one thing, but women are wearing a lot of things that look like men's clothing. Cardigans, Oxford shirts, trousers, even right down to the feminization of men's shoes," said Sherman. "I think there are women who will always follow their own deed but as a trend (wearing bow ties) is very popular right now."

The designer said he sells at least a quarter of his bow ties to women.



Christopher Sherman ties, available at Holt Renfrew's Pop-Up shop.

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Editors' Pick

BRIGHT STAR



The best way to battle the winter blues? Add a dash of vibrant colour to your wardrobe. Yellow is the hue *du jour* — and with this leather jacket from Danier you'll stand out in a crowd with a shade so chic, it's *jaune* (\$299, danier.com)

BORN FREE

New research suggests that running barefoot might be safer than wearing trainers. The reason? Many souped-up, over-cushioned shoes control where our feet land, so they make the foot's stabilizing muscles weaker, which can lead to injuries. Vibram's FiveFingers Bikila shoes (named after an Olympic marathon champ who ran sans sneakers) fit like a glove and simulate barefoot running. But if you prefer the protection of a conventional shoe, Brooks' new DNA model offers smart technology that adjusts the cushioning to your body weight and running style.



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Family time in the family room

JENNIFER BILL
for Metro Canada

Having kids doesn't mean having to abandon design.

Style can still play a pre-eminent role in rooms that nurture overall wellbeing, familial love and creativity.

Create a space that doubles as an enhanced place of learning — decorate with retro-style games such as a chess board to engage kids in active play, integrate a chalkboard so little ones can write, or display stylish items that double as educational tools, such as an antique globe or recycled knickknacks.

Incorporate ample storage so the room doesn't become a circus and tripping zone.

Store toys and books low so kids won't feel the urge to climb — plus, they can put everything away, too. A storage ottoman is a versatile piece for kids to climb on, guests to sit, for Dad to put his feet, and a place to keep toys and books.



Educate the kids about what went into crafting this **Tin Man Coaster Set**, made from recycled tin cans by local artisans in Northern India. Urban Barn, \$16 set of five, urbanbarn.com.



This contemporary 5x8-foot jacquard-woven **Home Collections Orbit Rug**, made of 100 per cent olefin pile, evokes memories of hopscotch and jacks and makes curling up on the floor fun. Canadian Tire, \$129.99, canadiantire.ca.



This **HC Fabric Bench** is made of micro-suede fabric with espresso finish legs and removable top cushion to store toys and games. Canadian Tire, \$109.99, canadiantire.ca.

This **66-inch Medusa five-head Floor Lamp** has five multicoloured plastic shades with gooseneck bendable arms in a silver-tone painted finish. Canadian Tire, \$49.99, canadiantire.ca.



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Slow drains could lead to slow problems

In the bathroom, pay attention to slow drains and take preemptive action, rather than waiting until you've got potentially disastrous flooding. **SYLVIA PUTZ/FOR METRO CANADA**

Batten down the bathroom

HomeScape

Sylvia Putz

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A bathroom is a place where dampness and wetness rule. Water often creeps out underneath or around a shower curtain, leaving a puddle on the floor. Wet footprints leave damp marks. The air is frequently steamy, leaving moisture on every surface. Damp towels hang limply. The vanity counter is left awash very morning. The resulting slow drip-drip every day leads to the eventual deterioration of finishes, and can affect structural elements like floors or walls if left over time.

And in a much more dramatic fashion, fixtures can overflow. A bathroom is a place that experiences every once in a while that most unpleasant of occurrences — the flooded toilet. The bathtub may also overflow, as can the sink or any other fixture that uses water, leaving you with potentially expensive repairs to make.

Yes, a bathroom must be built to handle water, like a sea-worthy vessel. When finishing or refin-



Tiling the entire shower enclosure may require you to scrub the grout every so often, left, but it will prevent the wall behind from rotting.

“Make sure you’ve got secure seals between fixtures (toilet, sink, shower enclosure or bath) and the wall or floor, and in any other place that could leak.”

ishing, it's important to seal up the space properly, and then keep it well maintained.

Waterproofing the bathroom

- Ceramic or porcelain tiles with protective glazing or waterproofing are an excellent choice for a bathroom floor.

- Use tile mouldings (avoid wood or pressboard) or run tiles partially up the wall, and pay special attention to sealing the juncture between wall and floor.

- Do yourself a favour and tile the entire shower enclosure, including the ceiling, or use a one-piece surround.

- Make sure you've got secure seals between fixtures (toilet, sink, shower enclosure or bath) and the wall or floor, and in any other place that could leak.

- Invest in an effective method for closing off the shower area while in use. Vinyl shower curtains may be effective for conscientious adults, but a

door system may be better for busy families.

- Use a backsplash behind the sink and seal any joints that could allow water to penetrate.

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Maintainence

- Frequently inspect plumbing, and in particular, check the supply line to the toilet and the base of the toilet for signs of dampness or dripping, and take action promptly, if needed. Inspect the flushing mechanism in the tank often, and replace parts that have become worn.
- Check plumbing under the sink for signs of wetness or dripping, and fix any problems.
- Be on the lookout for stains in ceilings or walls, or musty smells. It may indicate leaking from pipes buried behind walls.
- Frequently inspect grout and seals for signs of failure, such as cracking or chipping, and repair potential leak sites promptly.
- Use an effective exhaust fan to remove dampness from the air.
- Wipe up puddles promptly, and consider wiping or using a squeegee to remove excess water from shower walls.

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The search continues for Growing Pains actor Andrew Koenig. Now his famous father, Walter Koenig, is opening up about the painful search for his missing son. "It's very, very tough," the elder Koenig, who starred on Star Trek, tells the Today Show. "He was very depressed about his life." **PEOPLE.COM**

Guest gigs



Jude Law, left, and Zack Galifianakis are on tap to host Saturday Night Live next month. Galifianakis will do the honours on March 6, and Jude Law will host March 13. **EW.COM**

Entertainment

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Barber makes Believer out of you

Matthew Barber

Album: True Believer
Label: Outside
Rating:



THERE'S NO REASON Matthew Barber shouldn't be getting the same kind of attention as Jason Collett or Joel Plaskett. The Toronto folk singer can write passionate Canadians with the best of them and there's more proof of that on his new disc, True Believer. It's loaded with soft, acoustic numbers, but it's the more upbeat full band numbers where the artist really leaves his mark. Comeback Baby is an especially good listen, with it's subtle ban-

jo, loud cymbal crashes and rooty vocals.

Bryan Borzykowski/for Metro Canada

Johnny Cash

Album: *Album: American VI: Ain't No Grave*
Label: American Recordings/
Lost Highway
Rating:



IT MAY BE TABOO to slight the work of a national icon posthumously yet country legend Johnny Cash's American series of albums provided diminishing returns. Strange covers with few interesting twists prevailed and in retrospect, only the first two truly bolster his extensive catalogue. Still, even those



Matthew Barber has released his new album True Believer.

albums lack the passion, haunting aura and serenity of *Ain't No Grave*. Recorded after Cash had envisioned/reconciled his mortality, these 10 pseudo-religious, almost Gothic tracks glow with minimalist brilliance.

Keith Carman/for Metro Canada

Joey McIntyre

Album: *Here We Go*
Label: Universal
Rating:

IT'S HARD TO tell who Joey McIntyre is targeting with this EP. The New Kid On the Block sounds a lot like Brit-

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ney Spears and Lady Gaga here — not his voice, but the tunes could have found their way onto any pop record. It's hard to see how his 30-something fans would enjoy these electro club tunes, even though the songs are better than anything on the last NKOTB disc.



Bryan Borzykowski/for Metro Canada

Shout Out Louds

Album: Work
Label: Merge
Rating:

On the web



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STOCKHOLM'S SHOUT OUT LOUDS have always prided themselves on melancholy as much as they have melody. Album number three finds the five-piece returning with a batch of songs that are similar but even more earnest than 2007's *Our Ill Wills*. While they have finally determined their sound, the hooks are slightly less beguiling than the first two albums.

Cam Lindsay/for Metro Canada

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The Deep End
In the season finale, "White Lies, Black Ties," Cliff (Billy Zane) tries to find a way back into Susan's (Nicole Ari Parker) life as they prepare to host a charity gala, which has all the associates scrambling to close their cases. Addy and Malcolm (Tina Majorino, Mehcad Brooks) try to find a way around a dishonest insurance company.

9 PM on ABC

The Mentalist
Faced with a violent and shocking crime in their own office, Jane and Lisbon (Simon Baker, Robin Tunney) and the CBI team must work the case despite their obvious concern over who may be behind it. Rigsby and Van Pelt (Owain Yeoman, Amanda Righetti) make it obvious that they definitely are an item. 10 PM on CBS



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our chosen veggies.

Over top is salsa, cheese, onions and parsley.

We also try Arepas (\$2.75), tasty grilled flat cornmeal patties stuffed with stringy white cheese. Service is efficient and friendly. Long live Café Aroma Latino.

large) and Mango (\$2.10 large).

The dessert Quesadilla (\$2.50), a pastry made with rice flour, butter, eggs and dried cheese is flavourful, but Mantecade (\$2.50), a cake with rum, cinnamon and anise flavour, is even better.

There is beautiful Guatemalan-made furniture and pottery and Latin American art on the walls. Service is efficient and friendly. Long live Café Aroma Latino.



Pupusas and Dobladas

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METRO HALIFAX

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METRO HALIFAX

Dress-up everyday vegetables to get your kid hooked on greens

Kiddie Carrot Rolls

Looking for healthier alternatives for your child's diet?

Here is a simple and appealing way to dress up an everyday vegetable.

Potatoes work equally well in this recipe, so try a potato version for a change. These rolls freeze well. If you are concerned about fat, look for cheese with a content of 20 per cent milk fat or less:

INGREDIENTS

- 2 1/2 (8 cups) sliced carrots
- 750 ml (3 cups) fresh breadcrumbs
- 500 ml (2 cups) shredded cheddar cheese
- Salt, black pepper and ground nutmeg, to taste
- 2 egg whites
- 250 ml (1 cup) crushed



Breaded carrot rolls make it easier for kids to like veggies.

cornflakes (about 750 ml/3 cups cornflakes)

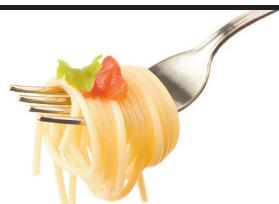
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Joan Rivers told Closer magazine that Victoria Beckham is not welcome in Los Angeles. The 76-year-old comedienne blasted "vulgar" Victoria for her spending habits, insisting she should be less extravagant in the current difficult economic climate. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Celebrity Buzz

No pulse, no breathing

NO SKIN PIGMENTATION A recording of the moment paramedics first announced Michael Jackson's death has been found online, reports femalefirst.co.uk. The voice on the tape — which is believed to feature a Los Angeles Fire Department medic calling ahead to the UCLA Hospital in Santa Monica — could even be used as new evidence in the trial against the star's personal physician, Dr. Conrad Murray, who has been charged with involuntary manslaughter.

The voice is heard saying, "Patient is Michael Jackson, the

pop star singer. No pulse, no breathing. Unresponsive. Tried to resuscitate him. Unsuccessful. We've done everything we can. We should be there in five minutes. It doesn't look good. It doesn't look good."

If the recording is genuine then it would be crucial to the trial into Michael's death because it contradicts the timeline of events previously stated by Murray, who said the 50-year-old music legend still had a pulse and was warm when he put him in the ambulance.

If the tape is used, prosecutors would argue



Love is a two-way street

AND I THINK THIS ONE MIGHT BE A DEAD END, CHICKIE Lindsay Lohan has her heart set on getting back together with Samantha Ronson, she tells the Sun.

"We love each other. We might reconcile the relationship," she says.

"It's changed, so who's to say we won't be together again?"

And if

han can't have Ronson, she says she'll probably be off women for good.

"If I wasn't with Samantha, I would probably be with a boy next. She's the only woman I've been attracted to."

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Clooney bids 'Ciao' to Lake Como

AND 'BENVENUTO' TO THE BECKHAM BROOD George Clooney is reportedly looking to give up his 30-room villa in Laglio, Italy, and he already has a buyer lined up: David Beckham.

The British football star is said to have fallen for the estate after visiting last year. "I have

fallen in love with the beautiful countryside," Beckham reportedly told friends, according to the Daily Mail.

"It's peaceful, quiet and near Milan. It would be great for the family."

Clooney is said to be selling because he's fed up with attention from locals and paparazzi at the property. The asking price is said to be around \$30.8 million US.

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Murray, 56, actually left Michael for more than an hour after giving him the powerful sedative Propofol, making his actions careless.

The tape, which emerged on the ambulance workers' web forum, is thought to be the first time the announcement was made that Jackson was dead on June 25 last year, although authorities do not yet know whether it is genuine.

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GENUINE SENTIMENTS OR GROOMED BY HIS HANDLERS?

YOU DECIDE Woody Harrelson's mother only approves of his career now he's been nominated for an Oscar, according to femalefirst.co.uk.

The 48-year-old star — who is up for a Best Supporting Actor Academy Award for his role as Captain Tony Stone in The Messenger — has only just been accepted as an actor by his mum Diane, because he has been short-

listed for an honour alongside Hollywood veteran Christopher Plummer.

He revealed, "I got a note from my mom, and she said, 'You finally arrived.'



You've been nominated in the same category with Christopher Plummer." So, I got my mom's approval, which is enough, you know what I mean? I don't need a statue."

Harrelson and Plummer are up against Invictus hunk Matt Damon, The Lovely Bones star Stanley Tucci and Inglourious Basterds actor Christoph Waltz for the prize.

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Go back to the block

WITH A BUSKING HAT IN HAND

It looks like Jennifer Lopez's split from her record label wasn't so amicable after all, with sources claiming that Epic Records actually dropped her over the poor performance of her latest singles and the fear that her new album would be a flop, according to Gatecrasher.

"Jennifer hasn't been on top of her game for a while," a source says, while another

source adds that it will take some money on Lopez's part for the album to see the light of day now.

"Epic technically owns the material from her album, so she needs to buy it back from them to have control over it," the source says.

"But she'll try to release the album online if need be. It may be her last resort to take control of a poor situation."

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LIFESTYLE Johnny Depp enjoys his privacy, admitting that he doesn't leave his estate in the south of France for months at a time, according to Hollyscoop.

"We have a great place," he says of the home he shares with girlfriend Vanessa Paradis and their two children.

"I've not left the

property for three months at a time. I literally just wake up, go out, check the garden and see the vegetables growing.

"It's a pristine existence in terms of simplicity. There's no talk of movies or work and, infinitely more important, the telephone never rings. It really is a beautiful, simple life."

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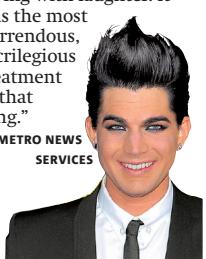


Boyle bashing

BITTER, MUCH? Adam Lambert is no Susan Boyle fan, slamming the Scottish singer's album, which beat out his for the top spot when it was released last year.

"I'm happy for her success, but that album is terrible," Lambert tells England's Gay Times magazine. "Wild Horses is the one that made me laugh the hardest. I just died when I heard it. I was crying with laughter. It was the most horrendous, sacrilegious treatment of that song."

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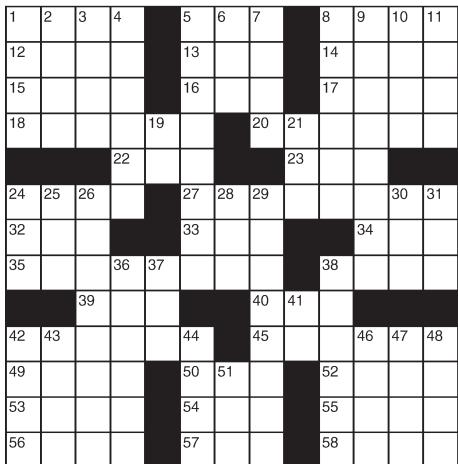
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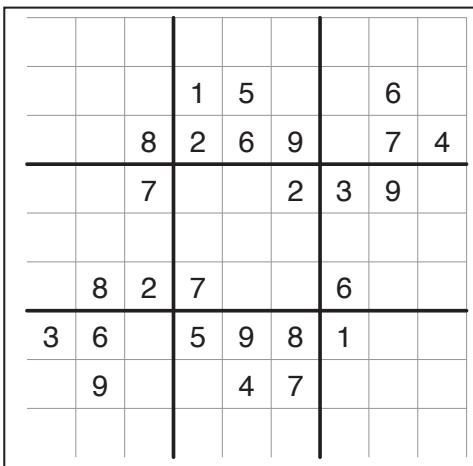
Today, **LINDSAY LOHAN** is considering a move across the Atlantic, **JUSTIN BIEBER** is keeping up his education while doing publicity in Europe, and **JESSICA SIMPSON** is considering a new pet. @lindsaylohan Moving to the UK is in my near future* better dj's/music and Paris is just a Chunnel away! @justinbieber School field trip this morning! Went to the Arc de Triomphe...learned it took 30 yrs to construct and Napoleon started it. Fyi. @jessicasimpson I'm thinking about getting a pet pig. Does this mean I'll have to give up pork?

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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

**ACROSS**

1 Not barefoot
 5 Highlander's hat
 8 Eject
 12 Proofreader's catch
 13 Ortiz of "Ugly Betty"
 14 Multinational money
 15 The same, in a bibliography
 16 Family
 17 Being, to Brutus
 18 Cookbook entry
 20 Snacks (on)
 22 Pinch
 23 List-ending abbr.
 24 Building block name
 27 Fairway shot
 32 Tramcar contents
 33 Marseille monarch
 34 Fish eggs
 35 Inventor, often

DOWN

38 Pack cargo
 39 Crafty
 40 Chinese tea
 42 "Thanks —!"
 45 Impede
 49 "Yikes!"
 50 Savings-plan acronym
 52 Showroom sample
 53 Existed
 54 Neither mate
 55 Settled down
 56 Studio constructions
 57 Stick with a kick
 58 Lo-cal

1 Use a teaspoon
 2 Stevenson villain
 3 Cartel acronym
 4 Mardi Gras mask
 5 Join in
 6 Singer DiFranco
 7 Herbie of jazz
 8 Tends
 9 Vendor's wagon
 10 Gaelic

Metro Recipe of the Day

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**Pan-Roasted Sweet Potato & Vegetable Medley**

salt and pepper and place on a greased cooking sheet in oven for another 10 minutes at 350°F before adding to the vegetable mixture.

2. Sauté shallots and garlic in 1 tbsp olive oil.

3. Add another tbsp olive oil to the garlic and shallots, if necessary, and all remaining vegetables, including sweet potatoes.

4. Sauté everything for 5 minutes.

5. Add stock and reduce for 2 minutes and serve.

Submitted by Tammy Roy, St. Thomas, Ont.

INGREDIENTS:

1/3 cup fresh shucked corn
 1/3 cup asparagus, chopped

1/3 cup mushrooms, sliced
 1/3 cup sweet potato, diced

1/2 shallot, diced
 1/3 cup diced tomato
 1 tsp garlic, minced
 1/4 cup chicken stock
 2 tbsp olive oil
 salt and pepper

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Take time out from your busy schedule to offer a word of praise or advice to someone who is struggling.

TAURUS**APRIL 21-MAY 21**

Don't be afraid to put your point of view across today, even if you are not entirely sure that you've got it right.

LIBRA**SEPT 23-OCT 23**

For some strange reason you appear to be taking too much notice of what other people say at the moment.

SCORPIO**OCT 24-NOV 22**

Although you can see that the changes now taking place in your life will be for the best, you still wish that certain things could remain the same.

GEMINI**MAY 22-JUNE 21**

If you are having negative thoughts about someone then you must bring them under control.

SAGITTARIUS**NOV 23-DEC 21**

Be fair in all your dealings over the next few days. If you take even the smallest of liberties you will find that someone is ready to question your integrity.

CANCER**JUNE 22-JULY 22**

You can be remarkably persuasive when you want to be and you can easily convince those in positions of authority to back your latest good idea with cash.

CAPRICORN**DEC 22-JAN 20**

You may not be able to explain why you feel wary of someone but you know better than to ignore what your inner voice tells you.

LEO**JULY 23-AUG 23**

The best way to get rid of a bad habit is to replace it with a good one, so find something you really like doing and focus on that.

AQUARIUS**JAN 21-FEB 18**

Life is what you make of it, and if you make an effort to be cheerful today you will find plenty of things to enjoy.

VIRGO**AUG 24-SEPT 22**

Your analytical nature, plus your way with words, can lead to some pretty sharp observations and you won't hesitate to call it as you see it today.

PISCES**FEB 19-MARCH 20**

The Sun in your sign makes you unusually decisive: if you want something badly enough you will find a way to get it.

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